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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC Ordnance Depot at Jessen.

INTELLOFAX 14

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 26 September 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. In early August 1951, about 60 ZIS-3 artillery pieces of 76.2-mm and their ammunition limbers from the ordnance depot at Jessen were loaded on a freight train and dispatched toward an undetermined destination. Since that time, several German workmen have been dismissed. (1)
2. Arms seen at the ordnance depot on 17 August included: about 180 light ZIS-3 field guns of 76.2-mm; about 120 x 45-mm model 1942 AT guns; about 40 x 160-mm mortars; and numerous small arms.
3. In mid-August, it was determined that Colonel Levshok (fnu) was the depot 50X1-HUM commandant, Major Shenkerov (fnu) the deputy commandant, and Major Tsvirnov (afu) supply officer at the ordnance depot. The depot [REDACTED] was equipped with three trucks [REDACTED] (2)
4. A small ammunition dump, probably used for the storage of only ammunition for adjustment fire, was located near the guard house inside the depot area. Another dump, in which gasoline is stored in 200-liter drums, was established on the other side of the railroad line. Tank truck [REDACTED] was seen hauling fuel to the dump in regular intervals. (3) 50X1-HUM
5. In mid-August, air force trucks were regularly seen picking up boxes of about 2 x 1 meters at the depot. The boxes allegedly contained turbines. (4)
6. At about 11 p.m. on 20 August, a Soviet loading detail loaded 150 to 160 ZIS-3 guns of 76.2-mm, 30 x 45-mm AT guns, and 1 x 160-mm mortars. After the loading process, which took several hours, only about 15 ZIS-3 guns were left at the depot. (5)
7. The Soviet work shops for major repairs are located in the former pottery factory in the castle in Annaburg. The Soviet personnel from the work shop was quartered in the castle. The four German workers employed there had been dismissed about 10 August 1951. (6)

Comments.

- (1) The information refers to the large Soviet ordnance depot and distribution 50X1-HUM

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point of the GOFG in Jessen, [redacted]. This report states for the first time that German workers are also being dismissed in the supply section. The dismissal of German workers from army and air force units has previously been reported. It is believed that this measure affects only ordnance and special-equipment depots which maintain strict secrecy and have to protect themselves against sabotage. 50X1-HUM

(2)

[redacted]
The supply officer's correct name may be Smirnov. [redacted]

Lieutenant Colonel Anushenko (fnu) was the depot commandant and Captain Zorody (fnu) was deputy commandant. The trucks belong to the GOFG ? and to the air force respectively. 50X1-HUM

(3)

[redacted] The rate of incoming ammunition was so moderate that it was probably used only for harmonization firing. Reports on rail movements indicated that small quantities of ammunition for harmonization firing regularly arrive from the U.S.S.R. 50X1-HUM

- (4) The increase of truck traffic in the depot in August 1951 is reported for the first time. A delivery of turbines for jet planes by the distributing point at Jessen seems possible although confirmatory information is required.
- (5) [redacted] it is believed that the artillery pieces were assigned to a unit. Destination and consignee are still to be determined. 50X1-HUM
- (6) The Soviet repair shop at Annaburg (N 52/E 66) is probably a branch of the installation at Jessen. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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